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INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 5080–5113; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 73–74; and H. Res. 698–705 were introduced. **Pages H8877–79**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8880–81**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2247, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide assistance for programs and activities to protect the water quality of Puget Sound, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–290); and

H.R. 4275, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–291). **Page H8877**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8829**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8834**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Mr. Dipesh Pandya, BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha, Warrington, Pennsylvania. **Pages H8834–35**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H8835, H8845**

United States Export Finance Agency Act of 2019: The House considered H.R. 4863, to promote the competitiveness of the United States, to reform and reauthorize the United States Export Finance Agency. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, November 15th. **Pages H8845–70**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–36 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill. **Pages H8856–59**

Agreed to:

Torres (CA) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that requires the Agency to emphasize outreach to tribal export businesses and to include in their annual report a summary of those outreach efforts and the provision of Agency support to tribal export businesses; **Pages H8859–60**

Tlaib amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that requires the Agency to submit an annual report to Congress about the Agency's activities in economically disadvantaged regions and efforts to support businesses in those regions; also defines economically disadvantaged regions; **Pages H8865–66**

Case amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that clarifies that, for the purpose of the Agency's Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, "minority" is understood to include Native Hawaiians and Alaska Natives; **Pages H8866–67**

Speier amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that clarifies that the Bank's activities to support exports in energy efficiency technologies shall include activities to support exports in electric battery vehicles, batteries for electric vehicles, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure; and **Pages H8867–68**

Ruiz amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that allows the U.S. Export Finance Agency to use surplus funds to expand or establish additional regional finance centers. **Pages H8868–70**

Proceedings Postponed:

Torres (CA) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that seeks to ensure that the Bank will not provide credit to any individual who is subject to sanctions related to serious violations of human rights or free speech, including in China and Burma; **Pages H8860–61**

Flores amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that seeks to strike Section 13 and create the office of energy efficiency and clean energy exports which advises the EXIM board on ways to improve the export of goods and services that increase energy efficiency and clean energy abroad; requires the EXIM bank to consider energy affordability as well as environmental impacts before approving

transactions, and requires the EXIM bank to include in its annual report the impacts of any transaction backed by the Bank on the cost of energy in the importing country and the estimated emissions reductions caused by exports financed by the Bank;

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McAdams amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that seeks to expand the prohibition of the Board of Directors from approving a transaction unless the person receiving the Agency's support certifies that the person does not engage in any activity in contravention of any U.S. law, regulation, or order concerning sanctions relating to the illegal trafficking of synthetic opioids, including any sanctions imposed pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act; and

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Davidson (OH) amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that seeks to prohibit Agency assistance for the governments of certain countries (including China and Mexico) unless the President certifies that the government is cooperating with the U.S. to prevent illegal trafficking of synthetic opioids.

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H. Res. 695, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4863) was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 228 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 616, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 226 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 615. Pursuant to H. Res. 695, H. Res. 661 and H. Res. 693 are considered as adopted.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Rodney Davis presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Financial Services from consideration of the bill (H.R. 3407) to strengthen the competitiveness of the United States, to modernize and reform the United States Export Finance Agency, and for other purposes (Discharge Petition No. 4).

Senate Referral: S. 2851 was held at the desk.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H8845.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8843–44 and H8844–45. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SAFEGUARDING AMERICAN AGRICULTURE FROM WILD, INVASIVE, AND NON-NATIVE SPECIES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing entitled “Safeguarding American Agriculture from Wild, Invasive, and Non-Native Species”. Testimony was heard from Ric Ortega, General Manager, Grassland Water District, Los Banos, California; Beth Thompson, State Veterinarian, Minnesota, and Executive Director, Minnesota Board of Animal Health; and public witnesses.

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION'S FAILURES AT VA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection's Failures at VA”. Testimony was heard from Tamara Bonzanto, Assistant Secretary for Accountability and Whistleblower Protection, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Michael J. Missal, Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK: THE VIEW FROM THE FEDERAL RESERVE

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Economic Outlook: The View from the Federal Reserve”. Testimony was heard from Jerome H. Powell, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce held a markup on H.R. 3851, the “Travel Promotion, Enhancement, and Modernization Act of 2019”; and H.R. 4779, to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006, and for other purposes. H.R. 3851 was forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. H.R. 4779 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a markup on H.R. 4229, the “Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technological Availability Act”; H.R. 4227, the “Mapping Accuracy Promotes Services Act”; H.R. 5000, the “Studying How to Harness Airwave Resources Efficiently Act of 2019”; H.R. 4998, the “Secure and Trusted Communications Networks